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1. Production

- a. This plant finished 35 locomobiles (sic, perhaps locomotives are meant) for the USSR, then began work on the production of road rollers for Bulgaria and of 25 excavators for the USSR. In addition, training tanks similar to the former German Jaeger tanks were completed here for the Czechoslovak Army. The plant is also manufacturing various machine parts (such as screening installations) for the Jachymov uranium mines. Recently a complete machine installation for a sugar refinery was manufactured here and was shipped to the USSR; five mechanics accompanied it to assemble it.
- b. Most of the plant works on one shift, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; only occasionally is there a second shift, which runs from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The bridge and boiler workshops always work in two shifts. During the war, there were three shifts, the third running from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

2. Employees

- a. The majority of the workers are Communists by conviction. At least two purges have been carried out at the factory. During the main purge after the February 1948 coup unreliable non-Communist personnel were eliminated, mainly from the ranks of the office workers; all of them found employment either with private firms or at the Avia plant in Prague. In the second purge, which occurred during September 1948, about 25 persons who had become Communist for opportunistic reasons were dismissed.
- b. Nevertheless, many workers at the plant are dissatisfied with conditions in the country (food situation, clothing) and at the plant. The organization of the plant is in a chaotic state, and contradicting orders are often issued by the Management and the Workers Council. Dissatisfied workers, of course, do not show their discontent in public but make it apparent to their families and friends.

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3. Population

In this agricultural region in the vicinity of Kladno, a high percentage of the population is Communist, but there is much dissatisfaction with Party leadership. The educated classes in town are considered unreliable and are therefore watched by Communist volunteers. These pickets also watch the more important buildings (the District National Committee headquarters, the KSC Secretariat offices, and factories) in order to prevent incidents like the one in Kladno at the beginning of September 1948, when a grenade was thrown into the KSC Secretariat offices. The grenade failed to explode.

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